

FinCom 3/27/08

Present: Pete, Greg, Larry, Fran, Shannon, Stu

Absent: Melissa, George, Dave

Approval of 3/6 Minutes:

- add Larry Fox to both minutes
- Larry move to approve as amended, Stu seconds
- 6-0 passes

Approval of 3/18 Minutes:

- add Larry Fox to both minutes
- Larry move to approve as amended, Stu seconds
- 5-0-1 passes (Shannon abstains, not present)

CIP Committee

- Bruce Brooks now chair
- Bob Metcalf presented information
- Police
  - got 6 this year (7 if count cruiser that was totaled and replaced)
  - want 4 per year, giving 2 here
  - 19 cars over 100K miles
  - laptop costs high due to software, programming; made to absorb shocks; etc.
- DPW
  - these requests are regardless of the outcome
  - requested 2 of 34K and 17.5K vehicles, only 1 of each approved
  - current tractor ~15 years old
  - new street sweeper will go faster
  - get funds back from the state for sweeping up sand
  - tried to get side dump loader, dozer, etc. last year, but did not get
  - proven record of 15 year life, so doing 5 year bond
  - Greg: all items except tractor mower were on last year's list as A or B but none were funded last year so all have moved to A
  - Ed: would leave us at level funding for debt service
  - Larry: total 727, 400 for all requests
- Town Government
  - wanted 100K to replace inspector's vehicles
  - moving to standardized town cars – probably something like Ford Focus, Taurus (something from the state bid list), less insurance, less gas, standard parts
  - request was cut to 42.5K
  - Larry: should look into Prius, some other hybrid
- some other requests may come up pending the outcome of the override

- Ed: some other requests will come in from WEF, SEF, SWEF
- 183K = total requested from stab fund

#### Finance Director and Misc. Budgets

- looking for floaters – maybe 2 full-timers or several part-timers
- Pete: question whether there is revenue associated with processing service – answer is yes but Ed is looking at different ways to account for this
- Greg: mandatory overhead?
- every department in town hall has been reduced by 1-2 positions
- Action item: investigate what portion of services provided at COA goes to non-Dartmouth residents?
- if override does not pass 1.2M salary reduction will cost ~366K in unemployment
- Action item: Greg: wants latest stats on pension – where we stand, what we owe
- Ed to get copy of Larry of Municipal Benchmark survey
- Stu moves to adjourn, Fran seconds, unanimous decision to adjourn

#### Action Items

- Shannon: investigate what portion of services provided at COA goes to non-Dartmouth residents?
- Greg: wants latest stats on pension – where we stand, what we owe